

# Earth First! Action Update

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"If the Nuremberg laws were applied today, then every director of a multinational would be hanged." Chomsky

## Multinational action stations!

### GLOBAL ACTIONS AGAINST GENETIX

It's time to get serious! Be creative, be strong, be bold. The forces of Genetic Manipulation are at stake and these are the most powerful days. Governments, corporations, food retailers, supermarket, farmers and investors are all writhing over what laws and decisions they should take. They need to receive a very clear message. We do not want to avoid Genetic Manipulation on this planet. From October 2nd (Ghosh's birthday) to October 10th (World Food Day) people and organisations all over the world will be taking actions against Genetix and in support of sustainable, organic agriculture. Simultaneous protests, press conferences and public events will take place at supermarket, offices, labs, fields and research centres. Actions are planned in India, America and other countries in Europe to let go of together here in the UK.

If multinational resistance against Genetix continues to grow, grassroots organisations would win the major battle against the multinationals and end step by step, non-sustainable technology before it reaches havoc on the environment. The

food chain, public health, and rural and traditional communities.

If you or your group are planning something locally or would like to join us with national or local actions that will be happening in the UK, then contact OEM 081 374 9314 or WEB 0171 923 9111 or email gen@nothing.net

### END CORPORATE DOMINANCE

It pollutes whole continents and forests, depletes dry spaces, tears apart and isolates whole populations. It has all the rights of a citizen but few of the liabilities. It crosses national borders as if they were schools. It is a mortal and an insatiable cancer wealth and power beyond the capabilities of mere people. It has power that dwarf and control governments. It controls the newspaper, radio and television and as of recently the "truth". It controls human access to food, water, shelter, employment and energy.

Are we talking about some sort of god? No, we're talking about the corporation.

Why do we allow an amimate thing to have as much power over our lives and the life of the entire planet? This is what the campaign to End Corporate Dominance is about - seeking our efforts directed at the root of the problem not just the symptoms.

October 1997 will see groups across the world targeting their favourite corporate phasers. Whether your group chose Shell, Nika, Mitsubishi, whether your place sits in the corporate headquarters, or the Director's private residence, corporations around the world will feel the united rage. For details of what's happening in the UK contact Corporate Watch and see their list for sponsoring events.

### 100 DAYS TO CHILL THE GLOBE WARMERS

100 DAYS is a growing network of groups and individuals. It is an initiative to challenge the oil industry throughout the 100 day conference in Kyoto climate conference in December 1997. It is also a call to action!

**E F A C E T** is a week when BP backed down from naming Greenpeace over its invasion of the Statoil Deep oil platform in the Atlantic. Pioneer, 100 DAYS kicked off on Sunday 23rd August with a massive gathering of around 25 BP activists with a thousand gatherers of around 25 BP activists attacking for their place when forces underwrote a Complete Victory. Syrian Overkill and banners proclaimed "BP do climate to agreed you" and "pump" by roared home in support.

**A ROOFTOP PROTEST** at London's Park Lane branch on the same day attracted gamboing Diplomatic Police as dozens of millionaire-type added their names to Greenpeace's petition against oil exploration in the North Atlantic.

**LINCOLNSHIRE ACTIVISTS** disrupted a grand opening of a new BP garage with their protest march to the embankment of the company.

**EXPLOSIVE SMELL** in Nigeria. While 2000 oil activists wait for the same slogan as Ken Saro



Follow the clean-up, not the oil... - Doing what you can think. (Kathy)

### ROLL UP.... ROLL UP FOR THE MYSTERY TOUR

Part Three of the Dickens and Dracula's trilogy is coming shortly! It's why soon as dislodged from London the Streets will be dancing into action with the Dickens in the same mysterious spirit of the Mystery Books workshop, renovation and the Trafalgar Square street party. This time the mystery angle has got all the Londoners guessing madly in the dark, so as many of them have grown police they don't know who's putting it out. The only thing they've got to go on is how for a £12.50 was taken will get you. Come and celebrate diversity once again in Britain's brightest battle for the blues. This will be Round 3, the score so far is two to one and we're going for the hat-trick.

Dry traps should return to London Victoria station, 10.00 am, Monday 25th Sept. Bring £12.50 train fare, unguis, costumes, costumes, hats, balloons, paper, aroba, drums, sisals and plenty of pizzas. 0171 261 4623

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Lawyer writing can be very effective. As an outsider for consumers has put an injunction on any person calling themselves Animal Rights activists to stop anyone from giving out leaflets. To apply the law we advise any person considering themselves as part of this company to write to: Merton Lawmen, Clarendon, 17 Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL. Tel: 0181 581 1111. This will cost less £10 for each copy of the injunction which, by law, he has to send you.

British ELF is organising on the 27-28th September, training & a mass trespass against the expansion of Doredbury Quarry, which has been given the green light to expand into Ashton Court parkland. Contact 0117 9433129 for further info.

**Das Jenseits**, Action Upland's 1997 Landowner of the Year, has had a lot of legal bad luck. The judge dealing with his various actions of self-help has ruled that he cannot bump off of the fence together (so never tear and mount) but must deal with them separately. This little victory was made all the more messy when the judge then adjourned the case until after Christmas.

Women Speak Out is a network of women organised by Solidarity Women's Peace Camp to mark the 40th anniversary of the Women's Nuclear Disasters and against the nuclear-military class. It happens on the 26-28th September at the Leeds University Union. Contact Solidarity Women's Peace Camp 01483 488282.

*"The Corporate Plan: Ecology and Politics in the Age of Globalisation"* is available from Green Books/Rainbow Corporate Watch's new website [www.igc.org/cwt/corporate.html](http://www.igc.org/cwt/corporate.html). It contains the emerging environmental conflict between corporations invading the frontier to plunder the earth's boundaries and people who depend on the earth for their sustenance. It is essential reading for all who want to be informed members of the Earth Family in the globalisation period." By Vandana Shiva, Research Foundation for Science, Technology & Natural Resource Policy, India. Get your local library to order a copy now.

Time is running out for Barry Horne who has been on hunger strike since the beginning of August. His physical condition is deteriorating but he remains strong & spirit. The hunger strike follows Labour's recent statement revoking all pre-election promises of a partial and no privatisations. Due to its actions, campaigning has focused on political targets with house visits and office demos for Home Secretary Jack Straw and accusations of Labour HQ. Contact Barry Horne Support Campaign 0871 278 3948.

The Fanning Mod Rally is the culmination of lots of anti-war campaigning on oil fronts. This large national rally, organised by Friends of the Earth, Green Party, Piers Corbyn, Transpennine Friends, WI and others, is on 25th Sep at 2pm, Trafalgar Square. Contact Piers or the Rally line 0131 5661698.

West, received threats against oil firms against the Niger Delta has since attacks on Shell, Chevron and Texaco subsides so local frustration has only gone worse. 200 have been killed, whole settlements destroyed and damage caused estimated at \$10billion.

UK OMB (independent 'oversight' agency) is calling for oil related influence around the UK to be 'improved'.

DELTAs are considering organising a short, symbolic hunger strike in support of the 1995 Cypriot protests still on Kypriots Death Row following previous against Shell.

There's still a while to go before the 100 days of oil are over, so get involved in an action near you. Contact 100 DAYS 0171 8558234 or e-mail 100days@newvessel.org

## BOSNIA WINS BURGER WAR

Four years of war in Bosnia oil has wiped out the local small business infrastructure and left the door wide open for Western businesses and governments.

However, one velocity multinational won't be encouraged amongst the rest in the name of 'win-win'. The Bosnian government has declared that it will allow McDonalds to build its first, a post-nationalist, East European filer. After a whole year of negotiations the world's most arrogant corporation still refused to produce locally preferring instead to import these McDonalds from its off-shore depots. This is in the Government's decision which will safeguard local food providers from the otherwise unacceptable math breeding burger culture.

## EARTH FIRST ARRIVAL AT KINGS CROSS?

Copendaro Park is a green oasis near Kings Cross, providing relief from the extremes of London's urban sprawl. Many people from local housing estates use the land as their only garden. This is threatened however by a planning application from the New London and Hackney Housing Association who want to build flats on the land. Opponents argue that the destruction of a practical green space is not necessary and that the flats could either be built on derelict land or the Housing Association could renovate currently available land around Copendaro Park in the area. A campaign has recently been launched to prevent the flats - contact Save Copendaro Park via [www.earthfirst.org.uk](http://www.earthfirst.org.uk).

## DELTA UPDATE

United grassroots opposition to oil companies destroying the Niger delta is growing as shown by recent mass actions in Nigeria. The newly formed 'Chlorine movement', named after the weapon and fuel used both the manganese and the people who depend on them, is pressuring Shell to either clean up oil spills and pay compensation to affected communities or get out. At a time when international pressure is beginning to wane, Shell is avoiding paying compensation at all costs and is removing talk of sales.

Continuing pressure will no doubt lead to a spring and summer of violent unrest around West and Northern Oil companies were the clear targets at first but then a dozen since when conflict began again after corporate and government names of divide and rule worked well. The regime then announced an 'Operation Sledge' to further

subdue areas of the Delta and ensure a smooth flow of oil and profits.

While Shell's PR strategy is to talk about human rights the company is still being used by the family of Ken Saro-Wiwa for company to violently suppress peaceful environmental and human rights protests.

Ende and heritage continue in Nigeria, which remains under siege with 22 hostages still in prison. They began a hunger strike protesting about conditions and torture. Meanwhile, Shell announced that it intends to sell its Opus, but most of the tribe are recently and decisively that the company will never be welcome.

Shell celebrates its 100th birthday on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Census Date 9116 233323

## FASLANE PEACE ARTISTS

Four and half years continue at the fifteen year old camp. The situation across still hasn't arrived but the writing game is a pre-arrive one. The latest missile convoy to the base was Mosedale last week by over forty people who stopped the trucks not blocking the route at the front and rear with their bodies and a tunnel under the road. While microphones crackled out the tested claim, blackshirts quietly got onto the roofs and the dull (yet deadly) lead was rediscovered with an eight point. More Falaise actions can be experienced at the two day Peace Action Ball which kicks off on Saturday 27th Sept. There'll be live music, poetry, DJ's, food and lots, lots more. 01483 820491.

## SOUTH EAST ELF GATHERING

At the ELF Gathering the idea of having a South East regional Gathering was discussed and people are now trying to organise one for later this year. It of depends on how much help people offer now. For the weekend we need a place of land, preferably with a building that can accommodate up to 100 people and is free (or very cheap), ensuring for the same number of people and suggestion/offer of workshops. There is no money so any donations would be very useful - shopkins & P&G's payable to Earth Fest! Anybody that can help with any of these things please contact South East ELF Gathering, w's PO Box 9456, London N4 4TY.

## HUNTINGDON RESEARCH CENTRE

Huntingdon Research Centre, aka Huntingdon Life Sciences, is facing a possible shutdown in the light of an inquiry which begins after a Channel 4 documentary revealed the extent of HRC's brutal activities. The documentary showed employees kicking and hurling a hedge against a wall and pinching, shaking and laughing at dogs. This forced the government to announce that it was giving the company until November 16th to "show improvements" or face its dissolution. The area was followed by a collapse of the company's shares, losing 18% million of their share price overnight, and over half their customers either withdrawing contracts, or not placing new work with the company. David Christopher, Research Lab Director of HRC, suddenly resigned from the Animal Protection Committee. The Research Defence Society announced on 26 July newsletter that it had

## How to Contact the Earth First! Action Update

Post: Earth First! Action Update, Dept 29, 1 Newton Street, Manchester M1 1BW. Telephone: 0161 234 4846. E-mail: [actionupdate@gn.apa.org](mailto:actionupdate@gn.apa.org). Enclose a SAE for replies. Send us your details if you want to subscribe to the free e-mail server. Earth First! Website address: <http://www.kew.mazda.ac.uk/campaigns/EF/earthfirst.html>

# Affinity Groups

"The vital flow of life back and forth from affinity groups to us, the intense sense of community that binds together all the groups internally as well as externally has an parallel... [the structure of affinity groups] has raised the shoddy issue of organization, not merely as a "means" to a social end, but as an expression of that end, the goal of a free non-hierarchical society in the belief that of the best."

Merry Ediebush, "From Rain to Corn", *Peace News*, October 1979

## What is an Affinity Group?

An affinity group is a group of people who have something in common with each other; who have decided that they want to take part in political action as a close, supportive group, and who meet regularly. An affinity group structure recognises the need for several roles in effective campaigning alongside "activists" as well as the need for several types of support - emotional as well as legal.

Working in affinity groups also recognises the need to move away from an individualistic model of activity and the need to move towards one which uses a model of active participation.

### History

Affinity groups take their names from the 'grupos de affinidad' formed by Spanish anarchists in pre-Franco days. The idea was then developed to be used in the occupation of a nuclear power plant site at Seabrook, New Hampshire, USA in 1977. 2000 people took part, two thirds of whom were arrested. The action's success was attributed to most of the occupiers undergoing non-violent training in small affinity groups and their coordination in a democratic structure emphasising equality and participation. In the 1980's the peace movement in Britain used affinity groups for both specific non-violent direct action events and for ongoing, small and supportive non-violent action groups.

### Structure

An affinity group usually consists of between 3 and 15 people. Such a group can be used as base - formed for a specific action then disbanded - or can try and meet regularly - for evaluations, planning, action and support. There are a whole host of possible roles - these could include contact person, media, support, legal as well as those prepared to get arrested. Reaching collective decisions among a number of affinity groups on a large scale action can be achieved through a 'spokeperson' to whom each affinity group sends a representative, who feeds in the views of the group and also feeds back what other groups are thinking.

### Why Affinity Groups?

*Sharing a campaign for the long haul and encouraging confidence in action*

Affinity groups can bring an often poorly

planned or overcooked element to our work - that of support. Campaigning can be written as we come up against obstacles all the time both external and internal, including bulldozers, fence, police, physical violence, courts, law, doubt, despair. Trying to tackle all of these alone can be too much but in a group of supportive, sympathetic people, fears and doubts can be listened to and transformed into a confidence to take risks and actions for our beliefs. The solidarity of affinity groups reinforces the inherent message that we are powerless and alone, or the constant suggestion that we must let the experts, the

a small group of leaders who may be set quickly

### Controlling state oppression

At a time of increasing state oppression of environmental activists affinity groups provide a new direction, not just by ensuring that the movement does not rely on easily picked off key individuals, but also in continuing any infiltration within a small group or the challenging of a group to learn each other's skills, strengths and weaknesses. An affinity group structure who moves that information is decentralised, limiting the possibilities for full disclosure of an action.

### Thinking strategically

An affinity group provides space to follow up actions, evaluate and carry the information forward onto the next action

### Avoiding violence

Acting in small groups with support makes less threatening situations reducing the need for violence and making people less prone to panic. Operating as a group also allows those involved to know who they are working with and define boundaries, e.g. non-violence, if they are with.

### Developing organisation

Obviously it is easier to keep in touch with 10 affinity groups than with 120 individuals!

Affinity groups recognise the importance of community as a foundation for our resistance and offer us the chance to enact a vision instead of supportive, non-hierarchical, participatory, flexible and friendly groups of people taking action.

Whilst affinity groups take forward some elements that Earth First! attempts already (avoidance of hierarchy, participation in decision-making), adopting affinity group recognises that "structure" is different to "hierarchicalism" and enables us to challenge the confusion between the two.

Large parts of the above are from *Affinity Groups* produced by the Agarun non-violence project (01865 770883). Other useful resources are *Path of Resistance* by Per Hergren (New Society Publishers) and *Sustaining ourselves for the long haul*, *Peace News*, May 91 and *'From Seabrook to Guelph: the role of affinity groups'*, *Peace News*, April 92.

## SEND US YOUR NEWS!!

We can't tell you if you don't tell us. Send your news, stories, prisoners addresses, quotes, leaflets and up coming dates on the back of an envelope, A4 sheet, computer disk or on an 8in floppy. Don't forget pictures, (as photos or graphics files) or drawings.



resuspended HLS from its corporate membership. It is estimated that the company has 100,000 members on its premises, including 1,800 brigades and 700 members.

A permanent camp, "Camp Ross", the first of its kind at a transoceanic island, has now been set up and attracts people to come and stay for a while. A rota has been set up, no help is needed, whether for a few hours or a few days. They were in effect on Monday 25th September and their rates were adjusted for at least seven days.

Everything done at Hastings from now on should be in the name of Barry Horne, as did his son's in business six 91892 283468, 91223 311428.

If you are in the North West you can also get involved as HLL have a site in Wimborne, Dorset where there have also been demos and vigils. 01304 401868

## BLUEBELL WOOD URBAN RESISTANCE

The modulus of least costed planning was highlighted, probably at Blackpool Wood in the heart of urban Manchester. Despite the fact that there are some 420 hectares of derelict land across the city, the council, unwilling and unwilling (Brown of Wythenshawe) decided to knock the last remaining woodland in South Manchester to build flats for 300 students with an average parking space for 100 cars (about 30% of the land taken). After doleful woe for three years via the legal system the notice to quit was inevitably served.

The camp had a number of visitors from Spanish Breath who refused to show any ID. When local police were called, their dog looking barking went into a barking with the police liaison officer who declared that he was satisfied. On one occasion they were followed around site until they left but only after they pushed our visitors and broke her camera.

During the various visits of the new minister he anchored a 16-cwt. m.s. (an old round model) which had been filled with worms up a river. The suspended carts and men close to the boats were not given definite positions but made for a comfortable position. Whilst trying to cross a 14-metre wide river there was a shout from the 16-year-old boy and though his inquiries got only responses from the prince's wife daughter. The prince he had to go to school but because the prince came so late that he had left late to go to school! Another person was hurt after throwing himself under a berry transperating the sheer rock.

A local and tanned shrewish who saw the first day through were joined by several people who re-visited the site over night, ensuring a second day of fun and mirth. Cheering crowds provided support for those still in site and heralded alone at the ministrant. Apart from one woman whose house veranda he the "money" word and who is soon going to realize that trees are better neighbours than cholothes.

PUBLIC ACCLAIM FOR  
RECLAIM THE  
STREETS

Since the summer Lavender band activists  
decorated their streets with a huge community  
party.

Despite a pulsing helicopter racing the area early on, and virus full of party spectators looking with interest to be arrested, campguards successfully set up three traps at the location and were joined by a retired man and the man

group. Free bottles of asphalt partying were followed by a celebratory parade to an open air space where students danced until mid-morning.

The local newspaper, which has a huge circulation, had a second news article the following week with the headline: "Cox enters protest 'unopposed'" claiming a lack of public safety and potential problems for emergency services but the photos clearly showed the three party atmosphere, relax, serpents, a paddling pool, and dancing in the street with happy crowds throughout the night.

The local rag has a regular 'Discuss Events' section but we're there to also publicise sympathetic with our views protest they allowed Leesdown RTS people to write a 500 word piece attacking the Streets and accuse the people which was published virtually unedited. They pointed out that the protest was illegal as newspaper didn't notify the police beforehand, and initiated a phone veto on the issue. 'Where Leesdown the Streets protest right' - 'We're No. 2', and marginalised them. Still interviews in the recent show had full support except for one woman who said there had to be blighting the area as the wrong way to make a protest. And the result of the phone veto was: 'We're No. 34%', We went! And the debate is still going on as the letters page. Contact LEAF.

BINGLEY BYPASS  
BLAG

Standard *in-ear* protecting and head  
compagny along the route of the proposed  
Highway bypass have led the DOT to temporarily  
relocate plans for the route of and March 1998  
to place a new diversion route to make. This has led to  
a related atmospheric and visually less protective  
measures, so what a shock is set that the DOT  
have made a *standard* company  
environmentally design of buildings and other  
structures along the length of the route. The  
structures that can do this now on the other  
evident majority and, more importantly, their  
the relevant areas around them "to be  
evidence for having" defend a solidified  
environment. But a few people could make a big  
difference in rendering this, the latest study  
comes from three bending the future. 01234

## McUPDATE

On September 3rd, the Mitchell Defendants lodged their Notice of Appeal against a decision of McDonald's solicitors. The Notice of Appeal responds to the 300 page judgment of the Midland trial judge. The Defendants believe that they were in great legal and moral injury against McDonald's who have slandered all legal sources to try to cover up as fast as possible the publication of the leaflet, "Wrong With McDonald's". It seems that in conspiracy had been planned that after being found guilty of exploiting children with their advertising, of falsely presenting these high fat, high salt and low nutritious, of paying low wages and of being "nearly responsible" for obesity to consumers. These defences as all the more obvious by the fact that half a million leaflets were handed out worldwide, as the result after the verdict.

The Delawance are appealing against the order in which the police failed to find for them and are calling for fundamental changes in the UK law to protect the public's right to protest and challenge the policies of governments. The full appeal hearing may not be until 1999.

Many of the names will be reused again when the McDefendants take the British Government to the European Court of Human Rights.

## EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

## NEWBURY RE-RE-UNION

There's been another坐 on the route of the Newbury Bypass to demonstrate the granting of an Ettaway's main contract. The坐 took place on the day of Diana's funeral and the Highways Agency had stopped work as a gesture of respect.

After a route walk and cycle one of the compounds at Shanks Green was occupied and many signs were removed before the protesters, accompanied by environmental police taking no chances after the last got together, marched off to the pub.

All machinery had been moved into storage areas and there was a sustained police presence but later in the day areas survey stakes were removed and gates systematically closed up. Local weather report have it that throughout the year the northern setting winds of Newbury have continued to make themselves felt.

pl. Plans for the gravel pit at Spence Moss have been scrapped because the gravel is not good enough for the road. Why

## WEST PAPUA CRISIS CONTINUES

Since late August five Indonesian tribal people have been killed in the area around Prospero and Rio Tinto's main mine in West Papua. Following the deaths, approximately 1,000 protesters attacked Prospero property and blockaded the main road to the mine. The police, with the support of the military, have now demanded that people hand over all sharp objects, including their arrows, spears and harpoons. These are not only vital to the people for agriculture and hunting but they also have great cultural and religious significance. Tensions were running high in the area because Prospero has just announced the second phase of its 10 year plan, an attempt to buy off local opposition to the mine following riots in 1996. Rio Tinto Zinc, traders of Bungawali as well as PNC, have refused to comment. Contact Corporate Watch for RTE address on the UK.

## RADSTOCK RAILWAY

Cash grabing councils and big business are at it again in Somerset, ignoring the needs of the local community and trading the land for profit. The Radstock to Frome railway line has been unused for 8 years and in this time has passed a whole host of new, undemanded and increasingly polluted inhabitants as well as a 'Site of Natural Conservation' order. All in a new order threat by a proposal development by Bovis Bevan who are going to regenerate the area with some housing, roads and a supermarket. As part of the

local Bovis Bevan gets the Radstock railway line and they're pressuring a locally tempting boost to tourism by bringing back steam trains. However, Bovis Bevan is owned by Hanson Plc, and it's been discovered that 95% of the coal traffic will actually be from powerstation freight including materials to and from nearby quarries, also owned by Hanson. Local anti-hauling consultation groups with a range of alternative developments. They have also set up a camp and occupied their first locomotive. They're appealing for an anti-shell showing so if you want to reward Lord Hanson of how much of a treat he is and give your own evidence to campaigning locals that get down to Somerset. Go to the centre of Radstock and ask anyone where to find the desired railway. Support seems for Irving vehicles. Contact us Luke 01761 432273.

## MASS BLOCKADE OF GOVERNMENT RUN ARMS FAIR

Around 1,800 people joined a Campaign Against Arms Trade(CAAT) protest against the Royal Navy and British Army Equipment Establishments (or Royal BAEs). The BAEs biggest arms fair with exhibitors from 300 companies and delegates from over 60 countries. The year's list of government invited guests included Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and China - all well documented human rights abusers.

Several Kurdish groups demonstrated about British arms sales to Turkey took part and organised five bomb loads for the demonstration. Protesters blocked what was to be the main entrance to the exhibition and then groups moved off to block other parallel entrances. Ten gates were smashed for the whole day and others were blocked for long periods of time. In all 80 demonstrators were arrested, mostly for wilful obstruction. Just over 20 people totally breached security and got on site to disrupt the exhibition. They were charged with aggravated trespass.

This was CAAT's biggest anti arms fair protest ever and it generated a lot of interest throughout the country and the media. The campaign against arms fairs will be continued with a demonstration at COPEX on the 30th Sept - 1st Oct in Farnborough. Contact CAAT on 0171 281 4297.

## TEIGNGRACE CAMPAIGN HALTS CONTRACTORS

The anti quarry campaign of Teigngrace, near Newton Abbot have won a temporary halt to construction and forced the government to consider a public inquiry. Dear knowledg and

offering of the local area led to thousands of letters demanding an enquiry to John Prescott who has since stopped the work. The坐 attemt ato is not expected until a decision is made giving the campaign more time to grow and reach a collective strength. Local involvement is unprecedented and a 100-mile march on London is planned to set off on Sat 27th Sept. Celebrate the strength and increasing popularity of direct action campaigning when Teigngrace comes to justice. Arrival in Westminster is expected on 7th Oct. While waiting for the party to be in between actions, why not send another letter to John Prescott. For more info call 0467 422823

## SURVIVING IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Play Fair Europe are holding the International Action Day on North South issues and the environment. "Surviving in a Globalised World" will take place in Berlin, Germany (27 Sept -10 Oct). There'll be representatives from Karmasutra, Solidarnosc (India), MOSOP (Nigeria), Movimento Socio Terra (Brazil), Peoples Movement of the Philippines, Sandugo Workers' Central Union (Mongolia), EZLN (Chiapas), Maia (Uruguay), Indigenous Women's Network and the International Earth Group (Zimbabwe).

The programme describes in detail the current shape of the globalisation process, particularly the WTO and will take place in English and Spanish. Details about accommodation, etc at <http://www.earth-network.de/gaut.html> or Play Fair Europe 341-44-241-38 37 92. Harry, Harry

## IRELAND'S GLEN OF THE DOWNS

Edit a book - for a little while - as 'Glen of the Downs' is as good as it gets and it's about to be destroyed and we get people there to stop the Irish state using EEC (and Britain) money to expand Ireland's bit of the Trans European Road Network through Wicklow. Known as the 'Garden of Ireland', County Wicklow, with its golden mountains, hidden valleys, glistening lakes, gushing rivers and forestry areas, does not need a motor road. The campaign has suddenly become more among Ireland's sensationalised media areas though the bulldozers are still silent, so people with ecological road rage sensibilities are desperately needed. Also there is a growing fear that the media attention will bring the police down on the few people who are keeping a permanent presence in the Glen, so reinforcements are needed sooner rather than later. e-mail to [sign@inet.ie](mailto:sign@inet.ie) or 00 353 61 313308

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